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1. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN REVIEWING THE TERMS OF
REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE EQUIPMENT TEAM. IN THE ABSENCE
OF THE TOR, WE WOULD OFFER THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY
COMMENTS ON AGENDA, SCHEDULE, PROCEDURE AND PROBABLE
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ISSUES FOR THE TEAM DURING THE FEBRUARY 2-15 VISIT:

A. AGENDA. ON THE PREMISE THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO
GIVE THE GOP ANY SUGGESTION THAT WE CAN CONSIDER SERIOUSLY
THE ENTIRE LIST IT HAS PRESENTED NOR THAT WE WANT TO
RAISE GOP EXPECTATIONS ON SPECIFIC ITEMS UNTIL THERE
HAVE BEEN MORE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS,

WE BELIEVE THE TEAM SHOULD, AT THE OUTSET, BE PREPARED BY REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND OUR DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT TO INDICATE THE GENERAL CATEGORIES OF EQUIPMENT WHICH IT IS AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS (I.E., AIR DEFENSE, SEA SURVEILLANCE, ETC.) AND SHOULD THEN INDICATE THAT FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR AN ACCURATE PERCEPTION OF AFP REQUIREMENTS IN THESE AREAS. TEAM SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED, TO SEEK TO AVOID, AT OUTSET AT LEAST, ITEM-BY-ITEM DISCUSSION OF GOP LIST.

B. SCHEDULE. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT TEAM MEET INITIALLY WITH EMBASSY AND JUSMAG ELEMENTS AT 2:30 P.M., FEBRUARY 2, TO REVIEW THE WORK TO BE DONE. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THE TEAM WOULD MEET WITH JUSMAG FOR DETAILED IN-HOUSE DISCUSSIONS. THIS MEETING WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AND DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR, WHO RETURNS FROM DAVAO AT NOON. THE AFP WOULD PREFER FIRST MEETING ON MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 6 (SEVERAL KEY AFP PERSONNEL ARE COMMITTED TO MUTUAL DEFENSE BOARD ACTIVITY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4).

C. GOP TEAM AND PROCEDURE. SECRETARY ENRILE ADVISED JANUARY 24 THAT UNDERSECRETARY FOR MUNITIONS CASTRO WILL BE HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EQUIPMENT TEAM. BGEN MAPP MET WITH UNDERSECRETARY CASTRO JANUARY 25 AND LEARNED THAT HE (CASTRO), CHIEF OF STAFF ESPINO, THE SERVICE CHIEFS AND SUPPORTING

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STAFF WILL BE ON HAND FOR THE OPENING MEETING MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 6. IT WAS IMPLIED BY CASTRO THAT U.S. TEAM WOULD BE EXPECTED TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS MEETING. CASTRO SUGGESTED THAT LEVEL OF AFP PARTICIPATION WOULD DROP AFTER INITIAL MEETING WITH BGEN MANIPULA AND OTHERS TAKING OVER FOR DETAILED WORKING GROUP SESSIONS.

D. PROBABLE ISSUES. THE AFP MAY CONTINUE TO HAVE AN EXAGGERATED NOTION OF WHAT THE EQUIPMENT TEAM WILL BE EMPOWERED TO DO, DESPITE OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PLACE VISIT IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE. WHILE WE SEE FOCUS OF TEAM'S WORK TO BE ON FACT-FINDING, IT REMAINS EVIDENT THAT THE AFP WILL BE PUSHING FOR SPECIFIC INDICATIONS OF WHERE WE ARE GOING TO HELP. IT IS ALSO TROUBLESOME THAT SOME IN THE AFP CONTINUE TO VIEW THE EQUIPMENT LIST AS A SIMPLE ISSUE OF QUID WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE THE USUAL JUSTIFICATION IN TERMS OF FORCE STRUCTURE, CAPABILITY TO ABSORB, ETC. BEYOND THESE LARGER ISSUES, THE TEAM SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE AFP QUESTIONS ON HOW WE MIGHT HELP ON THOSE ITEMS ON THE LIST FOR WHICH THE AFP HAS INITIATED PROCUREMENT ACTION THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. THE ITEMS IN THIS CATEGORY OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE ARE THE ITPC RADAR POSTS,

THE PSSM PATROL BOATS AND THE 25 F-8 AIRCRAFT. THE AFP MAY ALSO ASK ABOUT ITEMS BEING PURSUED FROM THIRD COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE DHC-5 (CANADIAN TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT).

2. APPROACH AND TACTICS. INITIAL CONTACTS WITH THE AFP INDICATE THAT THE EQUIPMENT TEAM WILL BE EXPECTED TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THE DISCUSSIONS. WE SUGGEST APPROACH INDICATED PARAGRAPH 1(A) ABOVE. IN THIS REGARD, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR THE TEAM TO DEVELOP BEFOREHAND SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED AFP REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR DEFENSE AND SE SURVEILLANCE.

3. RESERVATIONS AT MANILA HOTEL ARE CONFIRMED. TRANSPORTATION AND SECRETARIAL SUPPORT IS BEING ARRANGED.
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